

Again, we are making progress now. We had about a 20-percent reduction in 2018. We need to get back to that. This Congress took the lead on much of this.

But we also have to deal with the supply side and stop this enormous surge of drugs that is coming over and poisoning our communities. That is part of what is happening on the border. A few months ago, I was in Nogales, south of Tucson, to ride with the Border Patrol and go to the port of entry there. They are doing a very good job with what they have, but they need better equipment.

This is one thing Congress can do. They need help. They need more resources. They need better technology. They need to be able to scan cars and trucks that are coming in, particularly for these drugs that we talked about. A relatively small package of fentanyl this size can kill 1,000 people. A few specks could kill you. It is easy to hide it in a car or a truck.

We now know that less than 2 percent of passenger vehicles and less than 20 percent of commercial vehicles coming into the United States are scanned for these illegal drugs like fentanyl. This is just unacceptable. Congress has appropriated more funding for this. That is good. Let's get it moving. We should be scanning all vehicles, in my view. A smuggler with multiple pounds of fentanyl concealed in a hidden compartment might be worth hundreds of thousands or even millions of dollars. They know they have a good chance of getting across without a search. They take the risk.

It is not just a gap in our security; it is a gaping hole. And, again, it leads to this flood of cheap fentanyl and other dangerous drugs. The southern border has faced the worst unlawful crisis that we have ever had, going back to the first chart. This tells the story, in red.

The men and women of the Customs and Border Protection whom I have met over the years are doing the best they can. They are doing their best at the ports of entry. They are doing their best as Border Patrol between the ports of entry, but they need help. That is what legislation does. It provides them with the help they need to be able to respond to this crisis.

We welcome legal immigration. We always should. They enrich our country. And we are a nation of immigrants, and we are proud of that. But we are also a nation of laws, and we are also a nation that cares about the inhumanity of the current system and the flood of cheap, deadly drugs coming through our border.

I urge the Biden administration to change course, to fix this broken system, to follow the law, including the law on detaining people, to reform the asylum process so it stops acting like a pull factor and is used for what it is intended for, to truly help those who are seeking asylum for the right reasons, to stop these policies that send a green light to the smugglers, to the cartels, to the drug traffickers, and that is causing so much human suffering along our southern border.

I urge the administration to act. In the meantime, again, we are introducing legislation. I urge my colleagues to help us with that. There is no reason that we can't work in a bipartisan way to deal with what everybody has to acknowledge is a huge crisis at our southern border.

I yield the floor.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL 10 A.M. TOMORROW

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The Senate stands adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

Thereupon, the Senate, at 8:46 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, July 14, 2022, at 10 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate:

THE JUDICIARY

MARGARET R. GUZMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS, VICE TIMOTHY S. HILLMAN, RETIRED.
KYMBERLY KATHRYN EVANSON, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE RICARDO S. MARTINEZ, RETIRING.

JAMAL N. WHITEHEAD, OF WASHINGTON, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON, VICE RICHARD A. JONES, RETIRING.

ROBERT STEWART BALLOU, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, VICE JAMES P. JONES, RETIRED.
JAMAR K. WALKER, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA, VICE RAYMOND A. JACKSON, RETIRED.

JORGE A. RODRIGUEZ, OF NEW YORK, TO BE UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK, VICE DAVID M. HURD, RETIRING.

IN THE ARMY

THE FOLLOWING NAMED OFFICERS FOR APPOINTMENT IN THE RESERVE OF THE ARMY TO THE GRADES INDICATED UNDER TITLE 10, U.S.C., SECTION 12203:

To be major general

BRIG. GEN. ISAAC JOHNSON, JR.

To be brigadier general

COL. NOEL F. PALMER

FOREIGN SERVICE

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT TO BE A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

KYLE L. ABBATTISTA, OF NEW YORK
TAYLOR JADE ADAMS, OF MARYLAND

MOHIB ULLAH AHMED, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID M. ARNETT, OF FLORIDA
JENNIFER A. BALDWIN, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
MARGARET ROSE BENAVENTE, OF HAWAII
BETH A. BROWNSON, OF VIRGINIA
DAVID SEAN BURT, OF FLORIDA
BRIAN YUNG-PAU CHANG, OF CALIFORNIA
MARVIN CRESPIN-GAMEZ, OF CALIFORNIA
SARAH JANE CRITES, OF CALIFORNIA
EMMA HENRIETTE DIN, OF GEORGIA
STEPHANIE DORMAN, OF WISCONSIN
ANNE A. FLAKER, OF MISSOURI
ARVIL ANTONIO GONZALEZ, OF NEW YORK
ELI DAVID GROENER, OF MASSACHUSETTS
PARKER BENNETT GUEYE, OF MARYLAND
ADRIANA L. HARVEY, OF VIRGINIA
MARIA D. (LOLA) HERMOSILLO, OF CALIFORNIA
CHE-LING MAUREEN HSIA, OF WASHINGTON
DAVID SAMUEL JACKSON, OF MARYLAND
MATTHEW D. JIRA, OF ARKANSAS
REGINA S. JUN, OF CALIFORNIA
YOEL KIRSCHNER, OF CALIFORNIA
LISA WELSH KOVACK, OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
AMITA A. KULKARNI, OF CALIFORNIA
JENNIFER LAAKSO, OF FLORIDA
TRACEY LAM, OF CALIFORNIA
CICELY CORNELIA LEWIS, OF VIRGINIA
KELLY KOEPL MACK, OF WISCONSIN
KENNETH W. MACLEAN, OF FLORIDA
DAVID RICARDO MANN, OF FLORIDA
D. BRUCE MCPHERSON, OF VIRGINIA
JEREMY DANIEL MEADOWS, OF VIRGINIA
ANTHONY MEDEIROS III, OF MASSACHUSETTS
JEFFREY ALLEN MEYERS, OF FLORIDA
NYALAMBI DEREK MULWANDA, OF ALASKA
ELIZABETH KAMBI NYAGA, OF MINNESOTA
ANNE JUDITH ONGONO BISSO, OF FLORIDA
ANDREW BENJAMIN PARKS, OF VIRGINIA
APRIL L. PEETZ, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
KEVIN DAVID PIETERS, OF FLORIDA
BARTON MCLAIN POGUE, OF ILLINOIS
MATTHEW FRANCIS PROTACIO, OF MONTANA
SOFIA E. QUESADA, OF WASHINGTON
DOUGLAS W. QUIGGLE, OF MINNESOTA
RASA SIMINKAS KENT, OF FLORIDA
ROBERT E. RENO, OF WASHINGTON
MELINDA ANN ROBERTS, OF CALIFORNIA
DENNIS RYAN RUSSELL, OF UTAH
BRIANNE BROWN SANFORD, OF TEXAS
JUSTIN LOUIS SELB, OF TEXAS
NADIA ADEEL SHAH, OF TEXAS
RABAB SHAMAYLEH, OF VIRGINIA
MICHELLE J. SHIRLEY, OF MICHIGAN
KRISTIN NICHOLSON SHOUBA, OF MAINE
SUSAN E. B. SKOLNIK, OF MARYLAND
NATHAN K. STRAND, OF WEST VIRGINIA
RODNEY JOEL STUBINA, OF FLORIDA
JASON SWANTEK, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
CARRIE TEIKEN, OF ILLINOIS
CHRISTOPHER CHARLES THURLOW, OF RHODE ISLAND
CATTILIN M. UNITES, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
AMANDA J. VAN DEN DOOL, OF NEVADA
MICHAEL T. WEAVER, OF ILLINOIS

THE FOLLOWING-NAMED CAREER MEMBERS OF THE FOREIGN SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL, TO BE A FOREIGN SERVICE OFFICER, A CONSULAR OFFICER, AND A SECRETARY IN THE DIPLOMATIC SERVICE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

EVE JOSEPH, OF FLORIDA
MAIWAND NAWID, OF TEXAS
KRISTOPHER NORDEEN, OF MINNESOTA
MARY VANAGAS, OF TEXAS

CONFIRMATIONS

Executive nominations confirmed by the Senate July 13, 2022:

EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES

OWEN EDWARD HERRNSTADT, OF MARYLAND, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE EXPORT-IMPORT BANK OF THE UNITED STATES FOR A TERM EXPIRING JANUARY 20, 2025.

FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

MICHAEL S. BARR, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM OF FOURTEEN YEARS FROM FEBRUARY 1, 2018.

MICHAEL S. BARR, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE VICE CHAIRMAN FOR SUPERVISION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM FOR A TERM OF FOUR YEARS.